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Official meetings

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Security Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Consultations Room

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1622nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

10 a.m.	2nd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/62/250)

Special ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, the Secretary-General will ring the Peace Bell, at a ceremony to be held *today*, 21 September 2007, at 9.30 a.m., in the Japanese Garden in front of the United Nations conference building. The Secretary-General will deliver a message of peace and call to observe a minute of silence on that occasion. All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend the ceremony and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

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General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Executive session

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by the facilitator, Mr. Thomas Gass (Switzerland), on the multi-year programme of work for the Annual Ministerial Review, *today*, 21 September 2007, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be informal "informal" consultations on agenda item 13 (h) (International cooperation in tax matters), convened by the facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), *today*, 21 September 2007, from 3.15 to 3.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, *today*, 21 September 2007, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

High-level event on climate change convened by the Secretary-General

(24 September 2007)

A high-level event, entitled "The future in our hands: addressing the leadership challenge of climate change", convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, will be held on Monday, 24 September 2007, starting at 9 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Information on the modalities of the event has been included in A/INF/62/3/Add.1.

The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) for each thematic plenary was sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative) on Friday, 14 September 2007; copies are also available in rooms S-2925 and S-2940B. Please be advised that the list is now closed.

Information on the event, including a Background Note by the Secretary-General, can also be accessed at the following Web site: <www.un.org/climatechange/2007highlevel>.

Other meetings

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Friday, 21 September 2007

Group of 77 (on the Ministerial Declaration)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on the climate change)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of the Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level) (address by the High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDs; preparations for the LDC Ministerial Meeting; and other matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting *Conference Room 5*

UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly:

Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Bilateral contacts on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism (convened by the Coordinator)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

International Criminal Court (ICC): New York Working Group on Cooperation (organized by the Permanent Mission of Netherlands)

2.30–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Asian Group

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Other activities

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Friday, 21 September 2007

Expert group meeting on the use of non-renewable resource revenues for sustainable local development — Challenges and opportunities for developing countries (organized by the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit the following Web site : <www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/institutional_arrangements/egm2007/index.htm>.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 21 September 2007

Room S-226

10 a.m.	Mr. Wolfgang Hildebrandt, Mr. Promod Sharma and Ms. Lavika Bhagat Singh, of the World Peace Tour 4 Children (WPT4C) (on a concert series in support of projects providing security, healthcare and education to children around the world) [sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Germany]
11 a.m.	Mr. Kiyo Akasaka, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, to be joined by Mr. Michael Douglas, Ms. Jane Goodall and Mr. Elie Wiesel, current Messengers of Peace (to announce the Secretary-General's latest Messengers of Peace designates)
Guest at 12 noon	Mr. Tom Koenigs, Special Representative for the Secretary-General for Afghanistan (to update on the work of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan)
2 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Irakli Alasania, Permanent Representative of Georgia (on developments in Abkhazia, Georgia)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 4 October 2007, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/62/CRP.1), a copy of which can be obtained in room S-2977; or by sending an e-mail request to cherniavsky@un.org or serrano@un.org.

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 8, to Tuesday, 16 October 2007. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Emer Herity (room S-2977E; tel. 1 (917) 367-5816; e-mail herity@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 4 October 2007, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items; organization of work (A/C.4/62/1, A/C.4/62/L.1 and A/C.4/62/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/07)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of decolonization items on Monday, 8 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Ms. Laurence Niosi (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail niosi@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1] To be issued.

[2] To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

General debate

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 8 October 2007, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, to the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open on Monday, 24 September 2007. The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 8 October, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 5 October 2007, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-second session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/62/L.1.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 5 October 2007, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Under-Secretary-General for Management)

Monday, 8 October 2007, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Administration of justice (by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Under-Secretary-General for Management); and

Budgeting in the United Nations (by Mr. Warren Sach, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller)

Tuesday, 9 October 2007, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 1, to Friday, 5 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held from Monday, 8, to Thursday, 11 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board

Fourth session

Third resumed session

The third resumed fourth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advance of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Monday, 1 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5; and on Tuesday, 2 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly
Sixty-second session

General debate (25–28 September, 1–3 October 2007)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) for the general debate of the sixty-second regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace (4–5 October 2007)

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace is open. Delegations wishing to participate in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Delegations are further reminded that statements should not exceed seven minutes each.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR briefing for new delegates to the General Assembly: Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee

Tuesday, 25 September 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Group of 77 (Nineteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

Wednesday, 26 September 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Group of 77 (Thirty-first Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Thursday, 27 September 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (presentation by a coalition of NGOs, led by a Greenpeace representative, on "The state of oceans and its impact on developing countries")

Wednesday, 3 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Group of the Least Developed Countries (LDC Ministerial Meeting) (report on the election of the Coordinating Bureau; implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action — The way forward; and other matters)

Wednesday, 26 September 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting

Thursday, 27 September 2007, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Briefing on the upcoming informal consultations on agenda item 19 of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly (The situation in Afghanistan) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

Friday, 28 September 2007, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Twenty-ninth Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Group of Fifteen (G-15) (presided by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

Friday, 28 September 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Global health in focus", on the occasion of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See)

Tuesday, 25 September 2007, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m., at the Holy Family Hall (315 East 47th Street).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (tel. 1 (212) 370-7885).]

Briefing on the ongoing preparations for the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, scheduled to be held in Ghana (20–25 April 2008) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ghana and the UNCTAD secretariat)

Wednesday, 26 September 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Karma Tenzing, New York Office of UNCTAD (tel. 1 (212) 963-6896).]

Ministerial meeting on "Foreign policy and global health", organized by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of France and Norway (an initiative launched in 2006 with Brazil, Indonesia, Senegal, South Africa and Thailand) (in the presence of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the World Health Organization)

Thursday, 27 September 2007, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Member States, at the ministerial level, are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Daniel Hirsch, Permanent Mission of Norway (tel. 1 (212) 310-1542; e-mail dahi@mfa.no); or Mr. Laurent Pic, Permanent Mission of France (tel. 1 (212) 702-4966; e-mail laurent.pic@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Special event on the theme "A safe city is a just city", in observance of World Habitat Day 2007 (organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Monday, 1 October 2007, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit the following Web sites: <www.worldhabitatday2007.org/> and <www.unhabitat.org>.]

Expert Group Meeting: Innovative Finance for Sustainable Development (organized by the Division for Sustainable Development and the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 18 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Friday, 19 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 1.45 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/finance/egm2007/index.htm >.]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Fifth special meeting
United Nations Office at Nairobi

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold its fifth special meeting with international, regional and subregional organizations, on the theme "Prevention of terrorist movement and effective border security", from 29 to 31 October 2007, at the Conference Centre of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON). Member States are invited to participate in the meeting as observers and to use the registration form on the Web site of the Committee. For more information about the meeting, please visit <www.un.org/sc/ctc>.

Announcements

General Assembly

List of candidates

Delegations are kindly reminded that the list of candidates (an informal working paper) for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and other information on elections and candidatures are available on CandiWeb at the following address: <https://secln069.un.org/candiweb>. Instructions to access the Web page can be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2337 or via e-mail to santomauro@un.org.

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-second regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420F or S-3420S; tel. 1 (212) 963-5358 or 963-5377).

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.html>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 19 September 2007

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

General Committee

1st meeting

Organization of work of the sixty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/62/1)

Organization of the session (Section II)

The General Committee decided to address all of the established organizational matters concerning the General Assembly, contained in the Secretary-General's memorandum as a whole.

Section II.A

The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 of the memorandum on rule 40 of the rules of procedure, as well as document A/56/1005, pertaining to the functions of the General Committee.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 5 of the memorandum concerning paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the functions of the General Committee.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 6 of the memorandum concerning the designation by each Vice-President of a liaison person for the duration of the session.

Section II.B

The General Committee took note of paragraph 7 of the memorandum regarding resolutions of the General Assembly relating to the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 8 of the memorandum regarding an assessment of the debate on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 9 of the memorandum concerning paragraph 3 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the practices and working methods of the Main Committees.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 10 of the memorandum concerning the substantive sessions of the Main Committees.

Section II.C

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sixty-second session should begin on Tuesday, 18 September 2007, and close on Monday, 15 September 2008.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First Committee, complete its work by Friday, 2 November, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (the Fourth Committee) and the Sixth Committee by Thursday, 15 November, the Third Committee by Thursday, 29 November, the Second Committee by Friday, 30 November, and the Fifth Committee by Friday, 14 December 2007.

Section II.D

The General Committee was informed that Mexico was drawn as the first delegation in the seating protocol of the General Assembly and the Main Committees.

Section II.E

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 15 to 17 of the memorandum regarding meeting hours at Headquarters, and measures to reduce costs relating to overtime.

In connection with paragraph 18 of the memorandum, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, it should waive the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly in the case of plenary meetings and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee in the case of Main Committee meetings be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed.

Section II.F

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 19 and 20 of the memorandum regarding the general debate.

Section II.G

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly regarding the conduct of meetings mentioned in paragraph 21 of the memorandum.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provisions contained in paragraph 22 of the memorandum dealing with explanations of vote and rights of reply.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 23 of the memorandum dealing with points of order.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly to review the recommendations referred to in paragraph 24 of the memorandum regarding the length of statements.

In connection with paragraph 25, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers.

Section II.H

The General Committee took note of paragraph 26 on verbatim and summary records.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 27 on reproducing statements *in extenso*.

In connection with paragraph 28, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice of not reproducing *in extenso* statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the sixty-second session.

Section II.I

The General Committee decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the information contained in paragraph 29 relating to resolutions.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 30 of the memorandum dealing with the electronic and paper submission of draft resolutions and decided to draw the paragraph to the attention of the General Assembly.

The General Committee decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly rule 78 of the rules of procedure.

Section II.J

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 32 to 36 of the memorandum concerning documentation.

Section II.K

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 37 to 43 of the memorandum dealing with the programme budget.

Section II.L

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly adopt a format referred to in paragraph 44 concerning observances and commemorative meetings.

Section II.M

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 45 of the memorandum concerning special conferences.

Adoption of the agenda (Section III)

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 49 to 51.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion of items 1 to 8.

Heading A

Item 21

Statements were made by the representatives of France and Benin.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the consideration of this item be deferred to a later date.

Item 42

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Benin.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the consideration of this item be deferred to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security), taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 21 and 42.

Heading B

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations Conferences).

Heading C

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading C (Development of Africa).

Heading D

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading D (Promotion of human rights).

Heading E

The representative of Benin made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading E (Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts).

Heading F

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

Heading G

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading G (Disarmament).

Heading H

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under the heading H (Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations).

Heading I

Sub-item (f) of item 116

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of sub-item (f) of item 116 under heading I.

Item 160

The representative of Kenya made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 160 under heading I.

Item 161

Statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay and Honduras.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 161 under heading I.

Item 162

The representative of Benin made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 162 as an additional sub-item of item 72 under Heading D.

Item 163

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 163 under heading I.

Item 164

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 164 under heading I.

Item 165

Statements were made by the representatives of Palau, Sri Lanka, Cyprus, the Gambia, the Russian Federation, Iraq, Benin, Jamaica, Mauritius, the Sudan, Malaysia, Senegal, Egypt, Honduras, Uruguay, the Bahamas, Turkey, France, Finland, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Iceland.

By 24 votes to 3, with no abstentions (recorded vote), the General Committee decided to limit discussion of item 165 to two speakers in favour of, and two against, the inclusion of the item, and that the length of the statements be limited to 6 minutes per statement.

Under rule 43 of the rules of procedure statements were made by the representatives of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Solomon Islands.

Statements were made by the representatives of China and Egypt.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 165 under heading I.

The representative of the Gambia made a statement.

The representative of China made a statement on a point of order.

Item 166

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 166 under heading I.

Item 167

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 167 under heading I.

The General Committee recommended the inclusion of the items listed under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), taking into account the decisions taken regarding sub-item (f) of item 116 and items 160 to 167.

Allocation of items (Section IV)

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 53 to 55.

Sub-item (f) of item 116

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item (f) of item 116 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Item 160

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 160 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 161

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 161 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 162, to be included as an additional sub-item of item 72, should be allocated to the Third Committee.

Item 163

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 163 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 164

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 164 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Item 166

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 166 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 167

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 167 should be considered directly in the plenary meeting.

Item 67

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Egypt, Finland, Cyprus, Iceland, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Mauritius, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uruguay, France, the Sudan, the Gambia and Senegal.

The General Committee decided to defer the consideration of the allocation of this item to a later date.

Plenary items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/62/1, taking into account the decision on item 21, sub-item (b) of item 55, sub-item (b) of item 68 and item 167.

First Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/62/1, taking into account the action taken on items 109 and 131.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/62/1, taking into account the action taken on items 109 and 131.

Second Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/62/1, taking into account the action taken on items 109 and 131.

Third Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/62/1, taking into account the action taken on item 67, item 109, item 131 and item 162.

Fifth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/62/1, taking into account the action taken on item 109, sub-item (f) of item 116 and item 164.

Sixth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/62/1, taking into account the action taken on item 109, item 118, item 139, item 160, item 161, item 163 and item 166.

Thursday, 20 September 2007

Security Council

5745th meeting

The situation in Liberia

Fifteenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Liberia (S/2007/479)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Liberia, at her request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2007/549, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2007/549) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2007/549) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1777 (2007).

5746th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Pascoe.

5747th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Lebanon, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2007/34).

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Main Committees

Second Committee

1st meeting

The Chairperson opened the meeting.

Organization of work

The Chairperson drew the Committee's attention to the proposed organization of work of the Committee (A/C.2/62/L.1) and the status of documentation that was contained in an informal paper.

A statement was made by the Secretary.

The Committee approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in A/C.2/62/L.1, as orally revised.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes. Vienna, 18 April 1961

Accession: Romania (19 September 2007)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes. Vienna, 24 April 1963

Accession: Romania (19 September 2007)[1]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Objection to the reservation made by Maldives upon accession: France (19 September 2007)[1]

Objection to the reservation made by Maldives upon accession: Ireland (19 September 2007)[1]

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 30 March 1961

Partial withdrawal of reservation to article 48, paragraph 2: Romania (19 September 2007)[1]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Withdrawal of reservation to article 13, paragraph 1: Romania (19 September 2007)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Niger (18 September 2007)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Niger (18 September 2007)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 21 December 2001

Consent to be bound: Niger (18 September 2007)[1]

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation

Focus 2007: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation — A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights

United Nations Headquarters, New York (25-27 September and 1-2 October 2007)

The Treaty Event will be held from 25 to 27 September and on 1 and 2 October 2007, at United Nations Headquarters, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly. Consistent with the Organization's objective of consolidating and advancing the international rule of law, this year's theme, "Towards Universal Participation and Implementation — A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights", will assist in focusing attention on the important goal of moving towards universal participation and implementation and will target those areas directly affecting human beings, their security, environment, development and human dignity.

States intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

The list of treaties being highlighted during Focus 2007 has been circulated by Depositary Notification C.N.821.2007, dated 20 August 2007. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General, during the Treaty Event.

The publication Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation — Focus 2007: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation — A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights has been compiled and circulated to all Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains summaries of key provisions, relevant final clauses and status of the treaties being highlighted at Focus 2007.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Further information concerning the Focus 2007 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook; or Mr. Bradford Smith (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)).

Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2007* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Zimbabwe
H.E. Mr. Boniface Chidyausiku

Asian States:
Philippines
H.E. Mr. Hilario Davide Jr.

Eastern European States:
Montenegro
H.E. Mr. Nebojša Kaludjerović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Paraguay
H.E. Mr. Juan Alfredo Buffa

Western European and other States:
Switzerland
H.E. Mr. Peter Maurer

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 20 September 2007.

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	Sixty-first session
A/61/1044/Add.1	Item 33 — Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects — Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse [A C E F R S]
A/61/1047	Item 76 — Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives — Letter dated 30 August 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	Sixty-second session
A/62/275	Item 72 (c) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/276	Item 56 (d), (e) and (f) of the provisional agenda — Sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind; implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa; Convention on Biological Diversity — Implementation of United Nations environmental conventions — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/283	Item 45 of the provisional agenda — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Public administration and development — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/284–S/2007/502	Item 76 of the provisional agenda — Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Note by Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/298	Item 72 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

International Law Commission
Fifty-ninth session

A/CN.4/586	Reservations to Treaties — Note by the Special Rapporteur on draft guideline 2.1.9, "Statement of reasons for reservations" [A C E F R S]

Peacebuilding Commission

Official Records

First session
Sierra Leone configuration

PBC/1/SLE/SR.5	Meeting held on 22 June 2007, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
A/62/284–S/2007/502	Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Note by Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2007/548	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5743	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5744	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1776 (2007)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5744th meeting [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2007/36	Information circular — Additional arrangements for admission to the United Nations Headquarters during the Secretary-General's high-level event on climate change, on 24 September, and for the period of the general debate of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, from 25 September through 3 October 2007 [E F (only)]

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